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Community Council members (L. to R.): Dr. McMillan, Mr. McNamara, Ira Kaplan, Mrs. J. Lenkowski, and Kim Ringler listen to teacher reaction with Faculty Council Chairman Mr. Charles Hendrickson.

Community Council Presents Faculty With Report on Educational Options

by Sue Braham

The Shaker Heights Community Council met with the Shaker High School faculty January 6, 1972, to outline its tentative proposals on educational alternatives for the high school. The purpose of the meeting was for groups of the Community Council, teachers, students, administrators, and parents to discuss their tentative recommendations. The final report will be presented to the Board of Education March 7, 1972.

In addition to the traditional program, the Council recommends the establishment of alternative programs including Flexible Studies, CATALYST, Work Study, and Independent Study.

The student in the Flexible Studies Program "would be motivated to learn by his desire to self-direct his own educational program." The teachers would either be an interdisciplinary team or individuals wishing to teach in a flexible manner. In contrast to traditional education, a teacher's role would be that of an adviser or coordinator of learning. Students would elect the Flexible Studies program instead of applying. Shaker already has two Flexible Studies programs, American Studies and Senior Flex.

CATALYST would be an option for a student who was dissatisifed with his present educational program but who could not define an alternative plan himself. In CATALYST, he would work closely with the staff and create an individual plan of learning. The staff would include a professional trained in counseling, a paraprofessional, and teachers. Students would apply by interviews.

In the Work-Study Program, students would be able to earn credits through a work experience arranged in cooperation with the school. The Work-Study would be related to the students' courses and occupational interests. The CATALYST staff would be used in this program also. Students would apply by interview.

The alternative of Independent Study would give the students a chance to explore a subject independently with an adviser for a year or a semester. The CATALYST staff would be used in this program also. Students would apply by interview.

To aid in locating community resources, the Community Council has suggested that a Community Resource Bank be available for the use of the entire school. The Bank would help in locating speakers, finding jobs for the working students in the community, and in providing advisers for independent or other studies.

The Council also suggested a reappraisal of the existing courses that would recommend new courses (philosophy, photography, etc.), shorter courses, interdepartmental offerings (Humanities, Ecology), evaluation procedures (grades, pass-fail reports, and changes in examinations) and teaching methods.

The Council questioned the Shaker gym and math requirements in comparison to the state requirement. The idea of course evaluation was discussed, and a Faculty-Student Curriculum Review Board for evaluation was suggested.

It was also suggested that students schedule their own classes and choose their own teachers. The students would receive a master schedule and a booklet describing the courses they could take. Then they would plan their own schedules and register by June 15.

Ohio Democratic Party Initiates Open Primary

by Lita Robinow

This year, the Ohio Democratic party has introduced a new structure to the Presidential Primary. For the first time, there will be an open primary; there will be campaigning, and specific delegates will be running for, and pledged to, each candidate.

These changes in the Ohio Democratic party have been brought about by a new constitution, based on the Fraser Reform Commission, which used to be the McGovern Reform Commission.

Each candidate must hold a public meeting for delegate selection; the meeting must be advertised by television, radio, and newspapers at least a week before his meeting. Anyone may attend a meeting, as long as he agrees to sign a list at the door, stating that he supports the candidate whose meeting he is attending.

The number of delegates is based on the Ohio democratic vote in 1968. The composition of the delegation must reflect the make-up of the population (i.e., women, men, race, age). To be sure that this happens, the candidate whom the delegate is representing has the ultimate veto power over any delegate.

The whole basis of this new system is to open the primary up to more people. Anyone who will be 18 by May 2 (the date of the Ohio primary) may register now, and vote in the primary.

Don Blumenthal, former Shaker student who is now a junior at Oberlin, is working this month as Senator George McGovern's co-chairman for the 22nd district (which includes Shaker Heights).

NSTA Starts Skylab Contest

The National Science Teachers Association is sponsoring a nationwide contest for all high school students interested in creating a scientific experiment to be performed in the Skylab space station.

The winning 25 pupils and their science teachers will fly to Cape Kennedy, Florida, to participate in an educational conference and to witness the Apollo take-off. About ten of the winners will have their experiments actually tested in the Skylab.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is financing the contest with a $42,000 grant.

The deadline for submitting experiments is February 4, 1972.

ACLU Holds Conference

The American Civil Liberties Union of Greater Cleveland is presenting a conference on "The High School and Student Rights" Saturday, January 29, 1972, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The conference will be held in the auditorium of Cuyahoga Community College-Metro Campus located at East 30th Street between Woodland Road and Carnegie Avenue. Registration fee is 50c which covers the cost of the pamphlets.

The conference is an attempt to bring students, teachers, administrators, and community people together to discuss and exchange ideas on students' rights and the high school. Some of the topics of discussion will be the right of free speech and free press, suspensions and expulsions, compulsory attendance, dress code, and student lounges. The creation of a continuing committee to develop a bill of rights for high school students and a county-wide student rights newspaper are other aims of the conference.

Slack Begins Campaign for State House Seat

by Leslie Caplan

Lyle J. Slack, a member of the English department of Shaker Heights High School, has announced his candidacy for the Ohio House of Representatives of the 14th district. This district includes Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, and parts of University Heights. Mr. Slack faces first-term Democrat John G. Sweeney in the May 2 primary.

Mr. Slack's main concern is with the financing and format of education in Ohio schools. He feels that the "wealthy" suburbs such as Cleveland Heights and East Cleveland receive little money from the state to finance their schools. Although Mr. Slack recognizes the essential fairness of schools in less affluent areas receiving more aid, he also points out that even in the more affluent suburbs, voters are repeatedly turning down school levies. He calls attention to the fact that the suburbs lose approximately 60% of the taxes they pay for education.

Mr. Slack is also worried about the lack of innovative and experimental methods in public schools. Although private institutions give out many grants for experimental education, the state gives out very few. Mr. Slack believes that the state should finance such projects. He says that many taxpayers are losing money sending their children to private schools because they believe that the public schools are inadequate.

As crowds gather, Mr. Lyle Slack begins his campaign for the Ohio House.

Mr. Slack feels that the legal age of majority should be lowered to 18. He promises that the first bill he would introduce into the State Legislature would amend a present law in order to extend to 18-to-20-year-olds legal rights and responsibilities.

The inadequate representation of minority groups such as blacks, the poor, and the young concern Mr. Slack as does the Vietnam War, especially as it regards the people of Ohio.

If elected to the Ohio House, Mr. Slack will quit his teaching job at Shaker in order to devote his full time to the State Legislature. Cindy Heller and Mike Arshan are the heads of Mr. Slack's campaign organization, Students for Slack.

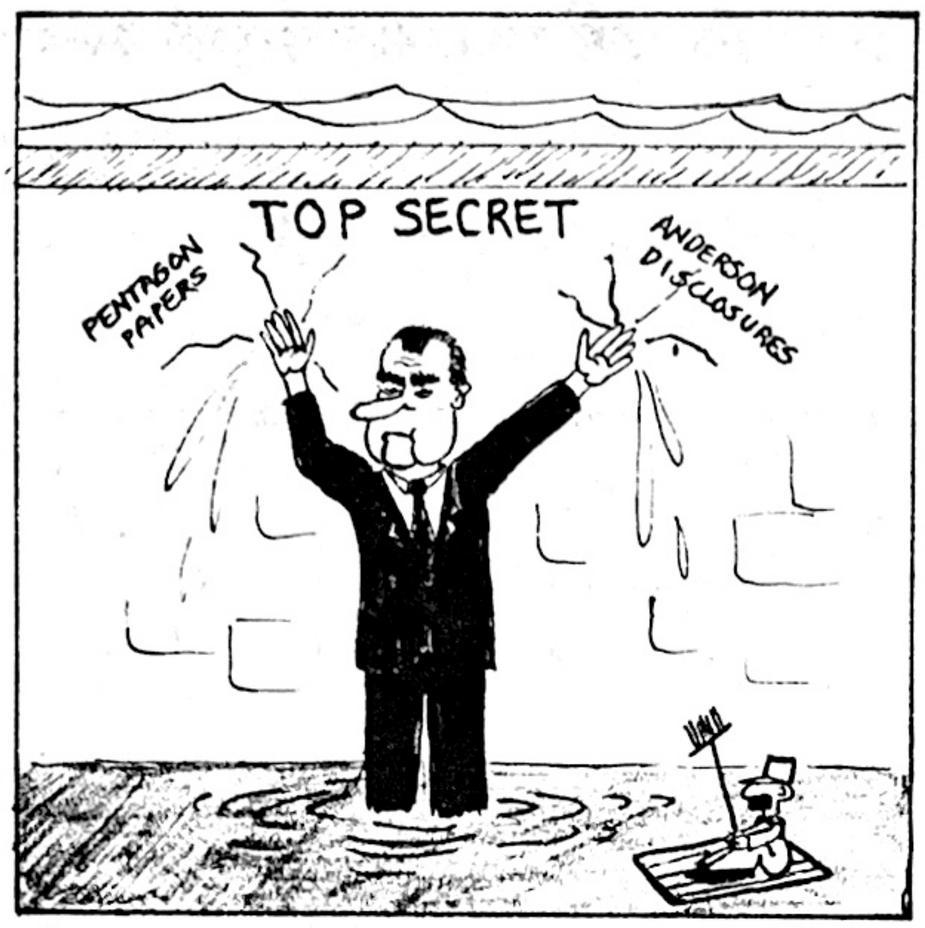
Cultural Week Relieves Tension of Final Exams

After a week of finals and saying, "Why in the world?", Student Council is planning a week of asking "Where in the world?". During Cultural Week, January 31 thru February 4, each day will deal with different cultures of a continent. Monday will be devoted to Far Eastern cultures, Tuesday to European Cultures, Wednesday to Middle Eastern Cultures, Thursday to African Cultures, and Friday to American Cultures.

Festivities throughout the week will include speakers and activities in the social room, special menus in the cafeteria, displays in the Ely Gallery, food tasting, singing, and dancing.

Special events planned for the Far East day include Baha'i speakers and Yoga exercises in the cafeteria. On European day there will be bagpipes in the hall, as well as music from each country in different rooms. Israeli folk singing and dancing will flavor the Middle East day. African Day planners hope to have films of modern Africa, and exchange students to speak about their countries. Students should wear jeans with red checkered shirts on American Day and should be ready to swing their partners for a square dance after school.

Anyone interested in helping should contact Student Council Representatives Sue Braham and Sally Rocker or the chairmen of the days: Steffie Stone, Marcie Skove, Jon Gottlieb, Renita Coe, and Judy Butler.



Reinstate Study Day

For the first time in several years, there will be no study day before final exams. For a substantial minority, if not a majority of Shaker students, this extra day of study is a necessity.

Principal William Greenham and Superintendent John Lawson feel that there are several reasons for dropping the study day. First, the Ohio Legislature is currently taking a dim view of schools dismissing their students after less than six hours of classes. Second, since Senior English, Earth Science, and American Problems classes are not having three-hour finals, Friday afternoon exams are no longer necessary.

The first argument is answered by the fact that Shaker already has three more school days than the state requirement. For the second, we feel that the fact that there will be no Friday finals is irrelevant. These finals have in the past affected only 300 students. 1600 people have lost one third of the pre-exam reading period that they have had for the past two years.

The two-year experiment has been a substantial success. Why change it now?

The SHAKERITE requests that the administration reconsider depriving the student body of its valuable study time.

More Parking Needed

The Shakerite believes that the City of Shaker Heights should restore the privilege of student parking on Andover Road, which is directly across from Marshall Lake (Duck Pond)'

Unfortunately, and yet understandably, the number of students who wish to park their cars at the High School has increased far beyond Shaker's limited parking facilities. The Oval accommodates approximately 102 cars. Moreover, the limited 30-minute and two-hour parking on the neighboring streets surrounding the High School falls short of a solution to this problem.

The nine-week Political Activism class taught by John Ostland acted as the catalyst for the formation of a group of concerned students interested in relieving the parking inadequacies. At first the committee wrote Lt. Steven Toth, who is head of the Traffic and Records Department of Shaker Heights. He in turn responded indirectly through Dean Charles A. Zimmerman, which left many committee questions unanswered. Failing to procure 75% of the consent of the residents living on the neighboring streets, the concerned students concluded their drive and then directed their energies toward parking on Andover Road. In the past year Andover Road became a "No Parking" zone to prevent the CTS buses from using this street as a "lay over" spot.

Although the addition of parking on Andover Road would provide less than what is ultimately needed, it most certainly would help the students. We recognize the parking problems at the high school and hope that the Shaker residents will once again permit student parking on Andover Road and that the Shakerites will join together to show their support for the committee's efforts.

Citizens Act on Shaker Pollution

by Shelly Kleinman

Shaker Heights is finally awakening to the cry to save the environment. Currently in the planning stages of several pollution fighting programs, Shaker has come a long way from feeding all garbage to pigs, as we did before World War II. Councilmen, concerned citizens, various local clubs, and especially students play an important part in this improvemt.

City Council held a Meeting of Environmental Assessment on November 30, 1971. They accepted help from all concerned citizens and environmental experts in delivering their policy. The turnout was admirable: 80 guests, many invited, included scientists and engineers with knowledge in related fields.

Mr. Bernie Rife, Service Director of Shaker Heights, opened the meeting with a history of solid waste disposal methods in our community. Until recently, paper and other garbage were required to be separated. This policy was discontinued when prices for used paper dropped severely.

Next, Councilman David Blaushild, chairman of the recently formed Environmental Committee of City Council, reviewed the purpose of his committee, to which he recently added two areas of special study: incinerators and recycling. During the subsequent weeks, Councilman Blaushild formed three new study groups and held preliminary meetings to organize and prepare plans of action.

The third speaker, Mr. Don Gibbon, has been Conservation Chairman of the Sierra Club for the past two years. He stated the environmental problems that are most urgent to Shaker Heights. He requested that the Mayor, who was also attending the meeting, give serious consideration to establishing a Citizens' Task Force that would undertake selecting a method for improving the water quality in the Shaker Lakes.

The work of the Ecology Club from Shaker is considered excellent by the committees. The Club, under the leadership of Sue Jackson and Ken Johnson, has already started compiling scattered scientific studies that have been made in recent years. Interested readers are encouraged to contact the Ecology Club and to share in the responsibilities of the study task force.

Another student group, the Ecology Club of Woodbury, has also taken first steps in battling the pollution problem of Shaker. They hope to reconstruct Shaker Lakes as they were several years ago, by collecting interviews from Shaker citizens with records of what fish they observed in the past and how things have changed now. Readers who can document the catching of bluegill or frog population changes are urged to contact Beth Dragin at Woodbury.

These events might appear small and as though there has been a great amount of talking rather than acting. However, action is on its way, for Shaker citizens have always seemed to have pride in their community. After all, Shaker is unique in requiring dog walkers to carry a paper bag and a "pooper scooper!"

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Shortly after school began this year the A.F.S. snack bar opened under the sponsorship of the A.F.S. organization at Shaker. The group agreed to provide a volunteer to help keep order in the social room in return for a small percentage of the profit from the sales at the snack bar.

In addition, the A.F.S. committee has been providing decks of cards for students in the social room. To date, students have walked off with more than twenty decks. The A.F.S. Committee is making an effort to have more cards donated because the students do seem to enjoy playing. Now, however, it will be necessary for a student to deposit his ID card as security when borrowing a deck. Since a replacement ID card costs more than a pack of playing cards it is hoped that the new system will ensure that more students can use the cards.

A pingpong table has been provided, but it is again necessary for students to deposit their ID cards for the use of a paddle. Pingpong balls are available at the counter.

The social room provides a pleasant place for students to relax and to socialize with friends in free periods. The volunteers are giving freely of their time in order to earn enough money to bring two foreign students to Shaker each year. Please help the volunteers as they try to help you. They will be happy to talk with you at any time, and constructive criticism is always welcome.

Shaker AFS Committee
Mrs. James Kane, President

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Environmental Merit Program Announced

by Joel Genuth

The President's Environmental Merit Awards Program attempts to recognize the accomplishments of high school students in work towards bettering the world we live in.

There are four broad areas under which awards will be given. These are Education Achievement, Environmental Awareness Action, Community Service, and Public Affairs.

Educational Achievement constitutes a project related to the classroom. This could be a research paper, science experiment, or other special study. The possible subjects for these projects incclude a pollution survey, water shed analysis data, and studying possible legislation to help the environment.

The Environmental Awareness Action area fits the artistically inclined students. Original drama and music, the making of posters, a science fair, and an open debate are just a few of the many possibilities for projects with the idea of making the public aware of environmental problems.

For the energetic people, the Community Service area exists. This includes most anything from picking up garbage to forming an environmental information service center.

The Public Affairs area is for the politically minded students. This implies the involvement of students in the local government by presenting data and encouraging the local authorities to adopt environmental legislation.

The projects must comply with the guidelines set up by the Awards panel, a group of students, teachers, and community representatives appointed by the principal. The Awards panel will evaluate each project and decide which award should be presented. The two awards are the President's Environmental Merit Award and the President's Special Award for Environmental Excellence.

Any interested Shaker students should contact Stanley Melick, Science Department Chairman, as soon as possible.

Student Spends Vacation Working for Congressman

by Jerry Tinianow

During winter vacation, while most Shakerites were enjoying their well-earned repose, I was working in the office of Congressman Charles A. Vanik in Washington, D.C. This meant getting up at 7:00 a.m. every morning and not getting home until as late as 7:00 p.m. at night. It also meant doing lengthy research projects, eating the same old government surplus cafeteria food, and commuting to work through the worst traffic on that side of the Potomac. Yet for me those two weeks were perhaps the most enjoyable two weeks of the school year.

Having been bitten by the political bug at a very early age, I had already done work on Cong. Vanik's campaign. I had also worked in his Cleveland office as a volunteer last summer, and had been a temporary chairman of his community economic committee. However, my real ambition was to work in Washington, and last September I succeeded in making arrangements with Mr. William K. Vaughn, Cong. Vanik's Legislative Assistant, for the trip.

My first project in Washington was to do research on European trade barriers to U.S. exports. I had to find out, for example, why an American car which costs $3,000 in the U.S. costs $8,000 in Germany. I also did research on arguments against using quotas on various items (oil quotas, sugar quotas, etc.) as trade barriers.

Another research project dealt with the current state of trade relations between the United States and the countries of Eastern Europe. I was expected to collect the necessary charts, graphs, clippings, and photostats on these subjects and include these along with a typed summary in a briefing portfolio. Congressman Vanik took this portfolio with him to Brussels where, along with the other members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, he traveled early in January of this year to meet with the financial leaders of the European countries.

The fourth project was my "pet" project. It had to do with my interest in the U.S. policy towards the new nation of Bangladesh. I reviewed current legislation before congress on this subject. I also met with Mr. Siddiqi, the head of the Bangladesh Mission to the United States. We discussed the type of legislation that would be beneficial to the people of Bangladesh. Mr. Siddiqi was very cordial and gave me a great deal of information which was helpful in my preparation of a policy briefing paper for Cong. Vanik. I also wrote a one-minute speech on the subject which Mr. Vanik will deliver in the House later this year.

I came away from Washington with many impressions, but the strongest one was of the overwhelming size of our government. I passed scores of government office buildings on my way to work every day. In each building there are thousands of bureaucrats working on policy which affects every American.

The records from sessions, committee meetings, hearings, departmental briefings, and research papers could easily fill the Capitol building and all of the five Congressional office buildings. And when I thought about all of the regional and local offices, the army bases and embassies scattered overseas, and the bureaucrats that are sent to anywhere from Falls Church, Va. to the moon, I realized just how large our government had become.

The puzzling part was that I could not really decide if it was all necessary or not. I could only conclude that big government meant a lot to people who occupy high places in it. It enables them to hide behind a wall of bureaucratic mumbo-jumbo. Any public service accomplished along the way was obviously purely incidental. This impression is unavoidable to anyone who spends an extended period of time in Washington, as I did last December.

Mrs. Brock waves good-by.

Brock Retires From 231

After working at Shaker High School for 14 years, Mrs. Anne Brock retired last month. Mrs. Brock, who has been the secretary in the Student Activity Office since 1964, has held a variety of positions at Shaker.

Upon joining the Shaker staff in 1957, she became head of the textbook office which she organized. As secretary and bookkeeper of the Student Activity Office, she ran the lost and found and handled the school calendar and weekly schedule. She also served as supervisor to the three student treasurers of the school funds.

Now that she is retired, Mrs. Brock plans to devote more time to playing the piano, sewing, enrolling in enrichment classes, and being with her husband. Since Mr. Brock also plans to retire soon, the couple wishes to travel through the United States and possibly Europe. After their travels, the Brocks may settle in Florida with the rest of their family. Mrs. Brock has two children, a daughter and a son who both graduated from Shaker.

Mrs. Edna Zagor is replacing Mrs. Brock as secretary and bookkeeper in the Activity Office. Mrs. Zagor worked at the Federal Reserve Bank 20 years ago and then retired to raise her family of two children, Ken, a senior at Orange High School, and Karen, age 13.

AFS Seeks Family

by Diane Krejsa

The Shaker American Field Service Chapter is looking for families to host the 1972-73 A.F.S. foreign exchange students coming to Shaker Heights next year.

The purpose of the A.F.S. exchange program is twofold: first, that the student through involvement in school and community may gain an understanding of the United States, its people, educational systems, customs and ideals; second, that at the same time he may bring an understanding of his own country to Americans.

The exchange student, who is of high school age, is chosen because of his adaptability, open-mindedness, and eagerness to learn. The host families, in turn, are selected on the basis of their warmhearted, friendly nature, understanding, and ability to accept and appreciate cultural differences.

The family's main responsibilities are to provide care, guidance, "room and board" and discipline. They provide for all food and lodging expenses plus extras in accordance with their own living standards.

The A.F.S. Chapter contributes $950 to the A.F.S. International. They, in turn, provide for the student's overseas plane fares; the student's personal allowance; all medical expenses except dental and eye care, illness due to pre-existing conditions and preventive inoculations; arrival and departure expenses and orientation; transportation fares within the U.S.; baggage charges and the end of the year bus trip costs.

The school provides for transportation to and from school; school lunches; books and supplies; yearbook and class photographs; school activities; graduation expenses; school trips and gym suit and equipment.

The student's own family contributes what it can afford plus clothing, luggage, transportation in the student's own country, and medical expenses for pre-existing conditions.

Opening your home to an A.F.S. student is like gaining a baby brother or sister who is 17 years old. The year that our brother Herb from Germany lived with us was not only an insight into his culture, but a second look at our own. We went through a period of mutual adjustment that was probably the key to the greatest human experience of my life. Though we have been separated for almost a year and a half, we still consider Herb a member of the family and expect him to come home at any time.

Paul Mason
A.F.S. host 1969-70

Being a brother to an A.F.S. student this year is an invaluable experience for me. I know that as a result of Sven's stay with me I am learning a lot about even my own country, let alone his. It is nice to be able to have a brother that shares the same interests I do. I find that because of my experience with him, I am learning more about myself and others and still having a lot of fun.

Jeff Fox
A.F.S. host 1971-72

Offering your home to an A.F.S. brother or sister for a year teaches you that no matter how much indoctrination a person undergoes, we can live together; we are all the same. My Italian brother Marco lived with us three years ago and we formed a lasting union between our families. Now it is still as if Marco is just a brother living away. He returned this fall to stay with us and look up all his American friends. We have also stayed with his family in Italy. A.F.S. provides the opportunity for us to begin building relations in any part of the world-so give the foreign students and yourself a chance, offer your home, share your life.

Dick Kane
A.F.S. host
Student A.F.S. Chairman

If your family will have a student at Shaker High next year and you are interested in becoming an A.F.S. host, call Elsie Thomas 991-1726, or Ellie Weisman, 751-4371.

Students Learn Big Business

by Cary Gold

Who would believe that some students at Shaker Heights High School work within the establishment? The establishment, called The Junior Achievement, is an organization of enterprising high school students who run their own simulated corporation.

There are 28 students from Shaker High working on the basis of the free enterprise system. These Junior Achievers, along with Junior Achievers from other schools, purchase raw materials, manufacture a product or render a service, and sell it.

Mark Kessler, president of his company, sells embossed matches. Pam Thayer, Debbie Ritzenberg, Doug Cairns, and Tom Seaman sell seasonal center pieces. Three dimensional tic-tac-toe games are produced in David Rederman's company.

At the first few meetings, the members organize a Board of Directors and elect officers, such as president, vice-president of sales, and treasurer.

All members must fulfill the requirement of selling stock, just as in a true corporation. Stock sells for one dollar per share and students sell between 100 and 150 shares. Students receive a small salary, but they do the work mostly out of enjoyment.

The miniature corporation these Shaker students have set up dissolves at the end of one year, and the students will then pay back to stockholders their original investment plus their share of the profit.

The local Junior Achievement is part of the international program for high school students which operates in 50 states, five Canadian provinces, and six foreign countries.

Shaker High students in the Junior Achievement program learn through experience the way a private enterprise system works. As David Rederman said, "I'm in Junior Achievement because I want to see how big business really works." Debbie Ritzenberg and Pam Thayer added, "Joining Junior Achievement gave us a chance to meet a lot of new people."

Jeans Still Out at Conferences

The Guidance Department at Shaker will continue to maintain a dress code for college conferences. Shaker's Faculty Council did not support a motion to eliminate the dress code, ruling that the issue was a departmental matter. The Guidance Department is considering a modification of the code.

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School Machine Fights Inflation

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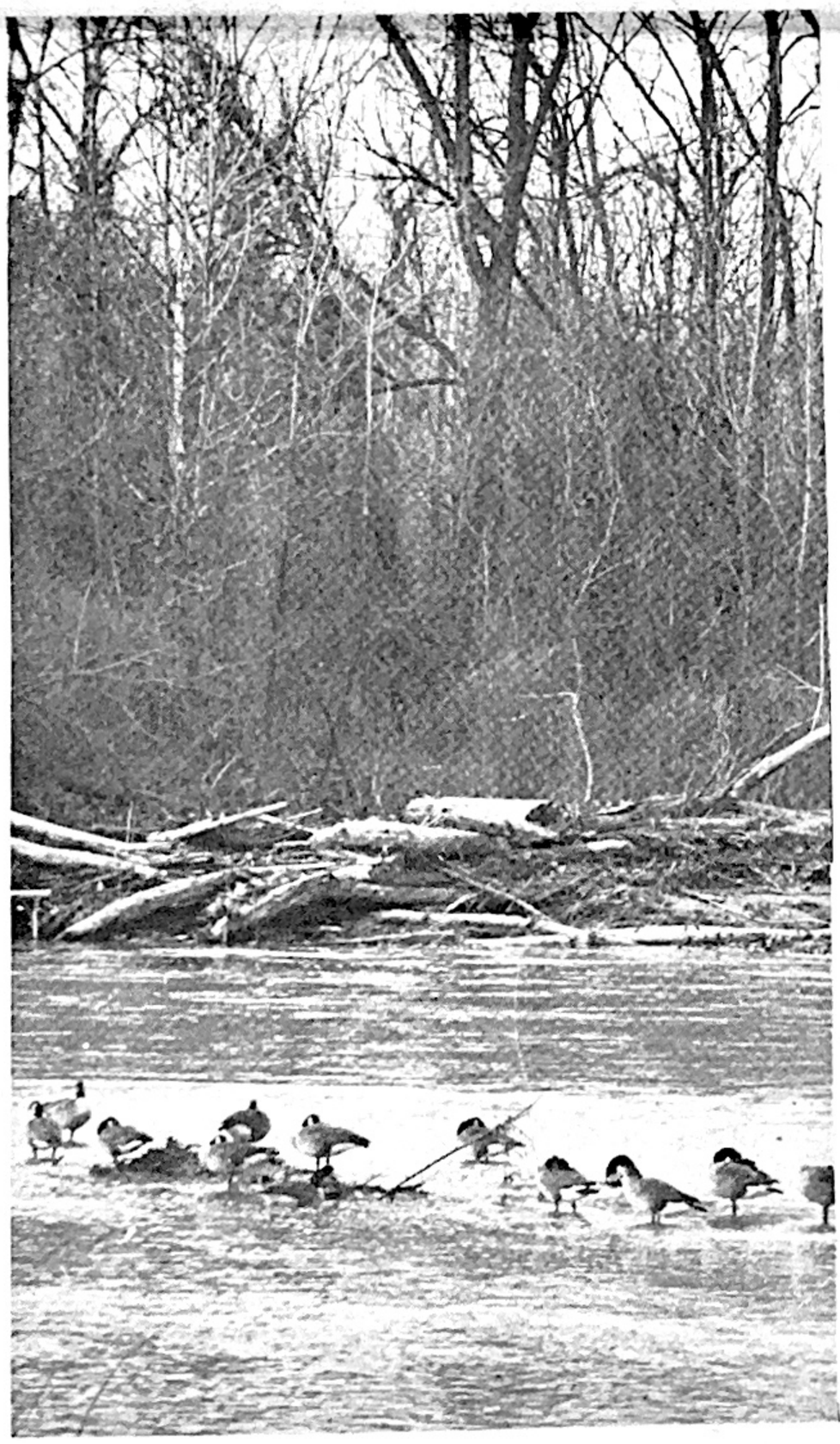
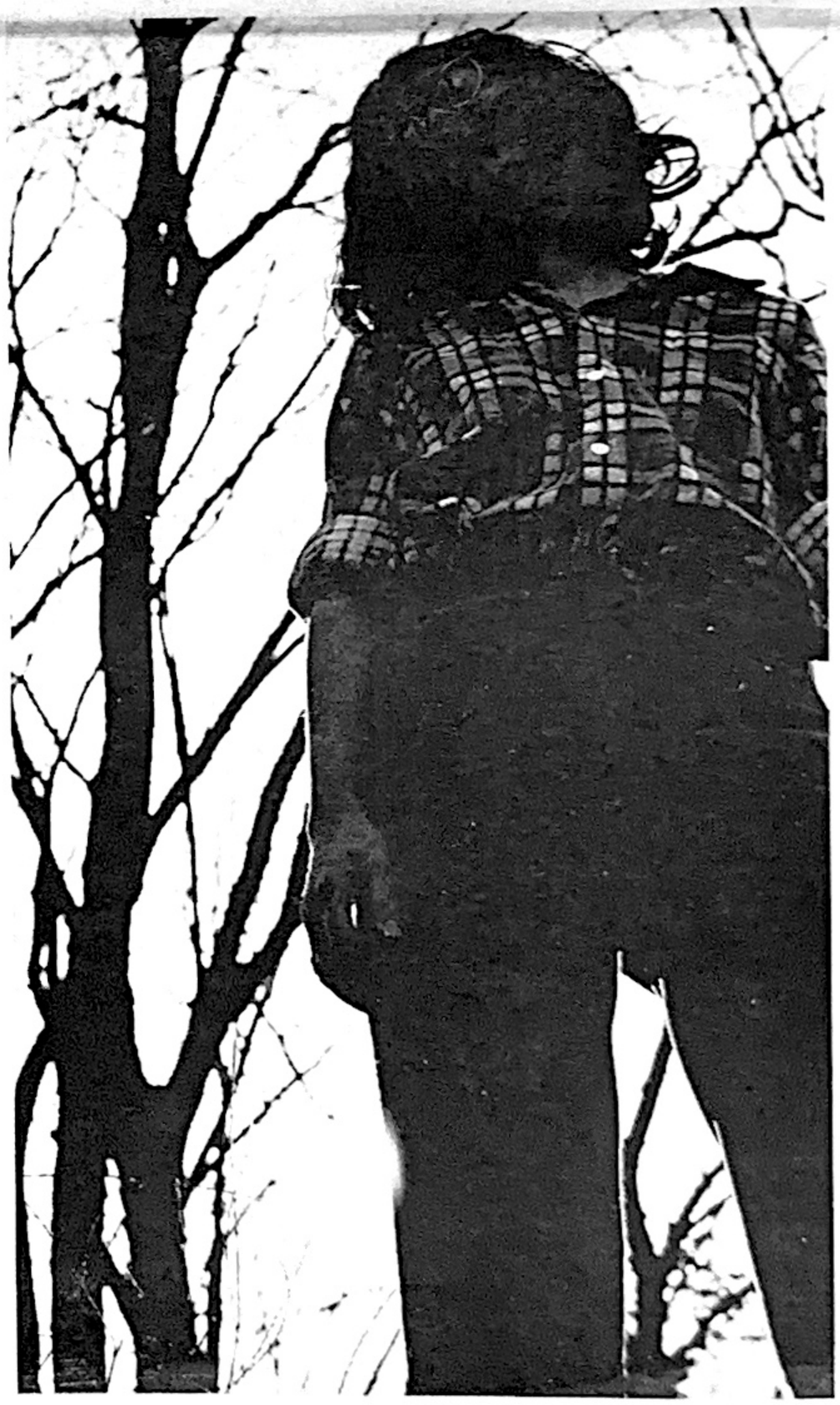
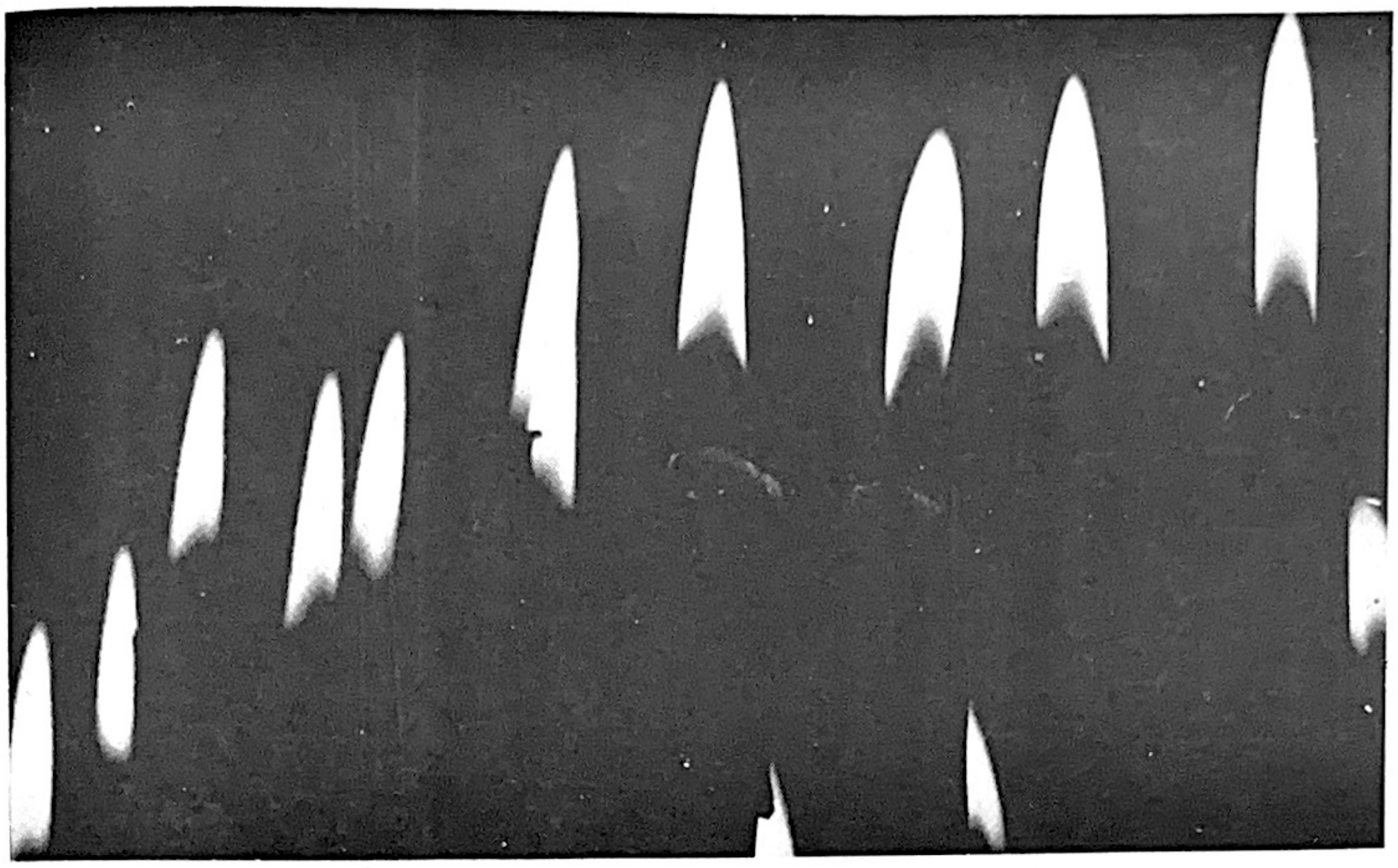
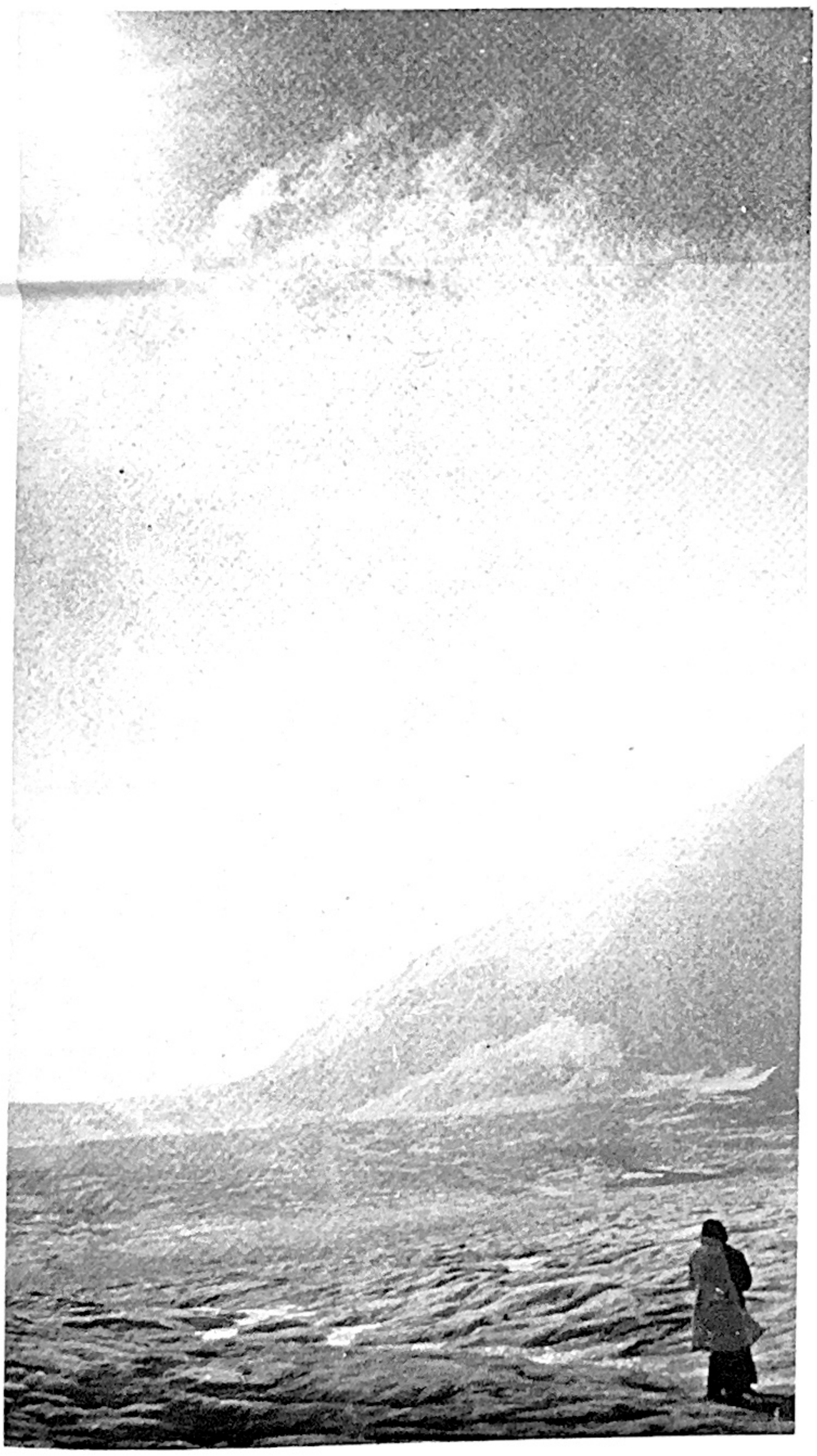
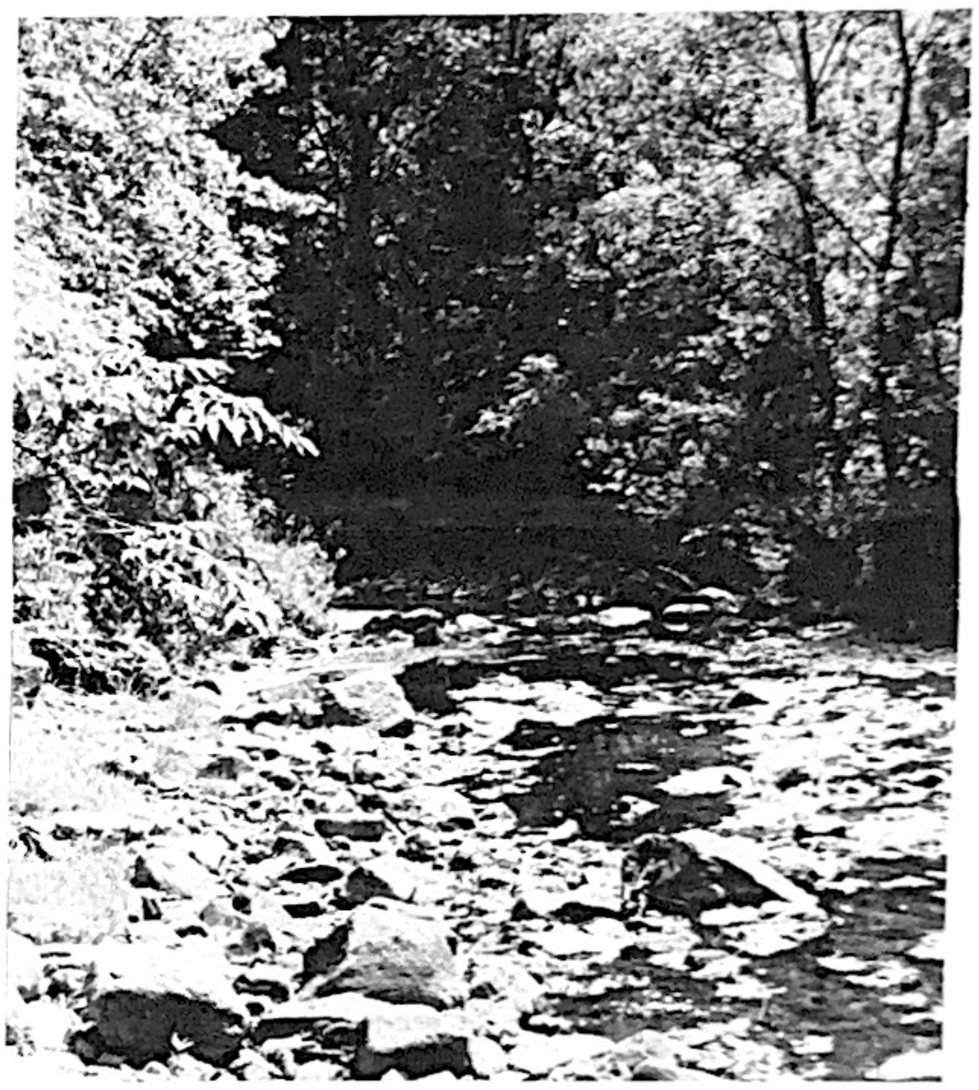










The Baha'i Faith: A Glint of Optimism

by Marcie Skove, guest commentator

Many have said in recent years that religion and "the spirit" are dying. However, although some of the religious institutions that we once called the strongholds of faith might be dying, the search for spiritual and inner satisfaction continues to prove as strong as ever.

Examples of this spiritual search for inner and outer peace extend into such rapidly growing areas as the Jesus Movement and Hare Krishna. A lesser known religion is the Faith of Baha'u'llah, or the Baha'i Faith which is glowing brighter and brighter with each day. Its followers in the United States have doubled in the last year. It is a faith that promises and addresses the world of humanity with new hope and fervor; is a new spirit that compassionately cries for love, peace, and unity in all mankind.

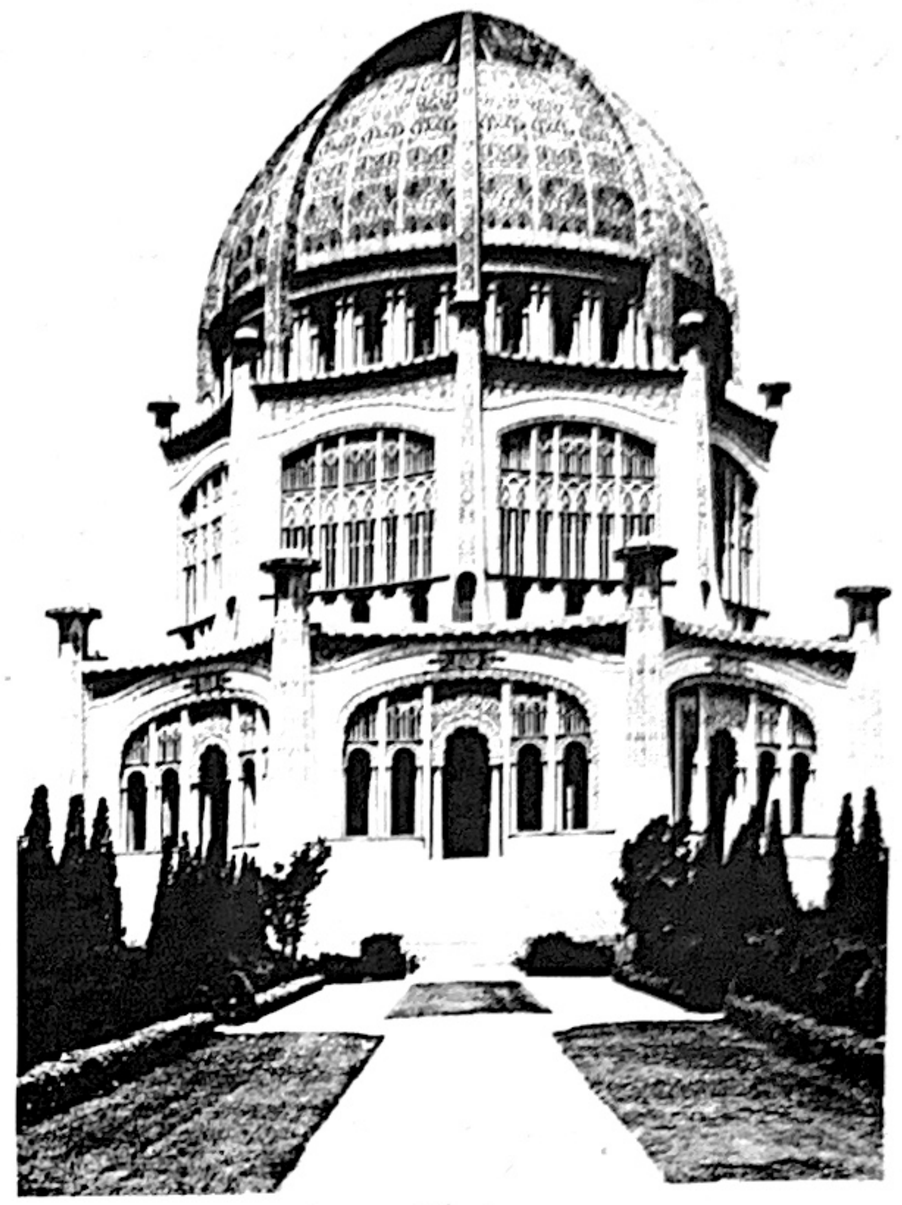
The Baha'i World Faith began in Persia in the middle of the nineteenth century. It revolves around three central figures, of whom the first two are considered by the believers to be manifestations from God. The first was the Bab, the "Gate," who in 1844 declared himself to be the herald who, according to the sacred Scriptures of previous Dispensations, would announce the coming of one greater than himself. The mission of this new and greater manifestation would be to inaugurate an era of righteousness and peace, an era to be hailed as the fulfillment of all previous Dispensations and as the initiation of a new cycle in the religious history of mankind. Because of his overwhelming influence on the people of the day, government leaders executed the Bab at Tabriz in 1850.

The one whom the Bab had foretold was named Baha'u'llah, the "Glory of God." While in prison in 1863, Baha'u'llah became conscious of his divine station and in that year announced his mission as the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Bab. He died in 1892, naming successor and leaving behind hundreds of volumes of laws, ordinances, and principles of his faith.

His successor was his eldest son, Abdu 'l-Baha, "Servant of Baha." Appointed lawful successor and interpreter because of his unique closeness to his father, Abdu'l-Baha established his residence in Haifa, Israel, now the world center of the faith, and traveled before vast audiences in Egypt, Europe, and North America. In 1921 he died, leaving the outlines of the Baha'i Faith's Administrative Order, as revealed by Baha'u'llah.

Abdu'l-Baha's grandson, was named Guardian of the Faith by Abdu'l-Baha. Throughout his life, he set up provisions for the establishment of the New Order and did much to aid the growing number of followers.

The Local Spiritual Assemblies, the National Spiritual Assemblies, and the International Spiritual Assembly, which all fall under the Universal House of Justice located in Haifa, make up the present Administrative Order of Baha'u'llah. In the United States the NSA is in Wilmette, Illinois where the famous Baha'i temple stands. The Baha'i Faith possesses no paid clergy or hierarchy; each believer is considered equal in spiritual position.



The Baha'i temple in Wilmette, Illinois.

The principal teachings of Baha'u'llah for this day are the oneness of mankind, the independent investigation of truth, the common foundation of all religions, the essential harmony of science and religion, equality of men and women, elimination of prejudices of all kinds, universal compulsory education, a universal peace upheld by a world government, and a universal auxiliary language.

Promoting friendship among all religions, the Baha'i Faith seeks to answer the desperate call of today with new hope for a coming era of peace and brotherhood.

School System Grows In 60 Years of History

by Mindy Kassen

In September of 1912 a school system came into existence in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Twenty-six students, two teachers, and a principal met in some rented rooms of the Van Sweringen real estate building.

As the town grew, the school program expanded to its present state, which includes nine elementary schools, two junior highs and one senior high school. The schools and the administration building together occupy 120 acres.

The first school built, Boulevard Elementary School, opened in 1914. In 1920 Woodbury Junior High was completed, and was used as a combination junior and senior high school. Also in 1920 Shaker Heights annexed neighboring East View Village and used its school until 1926. At that time construction on Moreland finished and the school opened for classes. The East View School then served as an administration building until the late 1930's, when fire destroyed it.

Malvern and Sussex were the next schools built, in 1922. Onaway followed the next year. In 1924 Boulevard had two ings added, and two years later, Malvern constructed a second floor. Ludlow and Fernway opened for classes in 1927 which was also the year that Woodbury had wings added. Lomond followed in 1929. Two years later, in 1931, the Senior High School had its first classes. Mercer, the last elementary school, opened in 1952. The high school added a music room in 1953 and 18 more classes in 1955. A second floor was added to Sussex in 1958, and in the next year Byron Junior High opened. In 1962 the present administration building started to function; the same year Shaker High added 16 more classrooms, a library, a new cafeteria, and an enlarged gym. Nine years passed with no construction until the building of Woodbury's pool last year the third in the district, and the construction of a new science wing, in the high school complete with a planetarium.

These Shaker schools function 11 months out of the year with a summer school, adult classes, and a recreational program, besides the regular kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Throughout the schools' history, Shaker citizens have never failed to pass a levy. They are rewarded by seeing 90% of all Shaker graduates go on to college. Shaker has many extra facilities for its students, including a library in each school staffed by a professional librarian, in addition to the public libraries. In 1947 the school board made a decision to hire only college graduates as teachers.

Since Miss May Chapham presided as Shaker's first Principal to less than 30 students the Shaker schools have existed and grown, to more than 8,000 students in 60 years of history.

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Playhouse Attracts Talented Shakerite

by Hugh Weinberg

A play now at the Cleveland Playhouse may interest Shaker students for a reason other than its contents. That reason is Alan Goodwin, a talented junior at Shaker who is currently performing in CHILD'S PLAY by Robert Marasco.

CHILD'S PLAY is a Gothic horror story set in a Catholic boys' school. Although the main characters are the teachers at the school, the plot focuses on the strange things the boys do--senseless acts of violence and defiance. Alan has one of the two boys' speaking parts. All the parts for boys in the play are of equal importance, and Alan thinks he got a speaking part because he has a good voice for it.

Alan has trained hard to become an actor good enough to perform in Playhouse plays. As a member of the Youth and Children's Theater at the Playhouse, Alan takes three classes--an acting class, a voice class, and a movement class. Later, Alan will be instructed in such fields as set design, lighting, and fencing in order to learn proper movement for acting. He also is a Shaker Thespian.

Alan had a great deal of experience prior to coming to Cleveland and the Playhouse. Part of this experience was writing, directing, and acting in his own two-man play, a sequel to Dracula, in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee.

It was when Alan was in junior high, when his class did some oral reading, that he first became interested in acting. He then realized that he had a natural talent for acting. He is also interested in acting simply because he enjoys it. joys it.

Although Alan is not yet sure if he would consider acting as a career, there is one play he would like to act in--that is a little-known play by e.e. cummings, HIM.

CHILD'S PLAY in Review

by Susan Anderson

CHILD'S PLAY, a gothic mystery, is a play which should be seen by those who enjoy suspense and an intimation of the supernatural. Created by Robert Marasco, the action of the play takes place in a private boys' school and centers around the manifestation of one man's wickedness.

The play deals with the unbalanced notions of a faculty member and the effect his evil intentions have on the rest of the school. As the play opens Joseph Dobbs, played by Robert Snook, appears to be an affable old school teacher whose appeal and influence on the students seems to be of the highest quality.

But as the action progresses it becomes evident to the audience that the students have become "possessed" by an unnatural and evil force, the reason being that Joseph Dobbs intends to do the boys a service by freeing them of an "undesirable" member of the faculty, Jerome Malley, who is played by Allen Leatherman.

The play, under the fine direction of Bertram Transwell, makes a thrilling study of the consequences of evil within a human being.

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Cagers And Grapplers Post Unblemished Records

Winless Cagers Face Lakewood Here Tonight

by Jeff Weiss

The Shaker basketball team finished the first half of their schedule with a 71-41 loss to Euclid and a 56-44 defeat to Normandy to keep them in sole possession of last place in the Lake Erie League with a 0-9 mark.

After dropping their home opener to Brush, the Cagers lost to Lakewood, 49-42. The closest they came to a victory was the next week, when Valley Forge edged out the Raiders by one point, 54-53.

The basketball squad then suffered successive losses to Shaw, 69-58, Cleveland Heights, 74-51, and Garfield Heights, 63-48.

After Garfield came the battle for last place: winless Shaker matched against winless Parma, both sporting 0-7 records at the time. Shaker won the battle and lost the ball game, 64-62.

One of the team's main problems is an anemic offense. The squad is currently averaging only a little more than 50 points a game. Martin Lowry has been the leading scorer with nearly a 15 point average. Lowry is the eighth leading scorer in the LEL. Scott Keller is also averaging in double figures.

Another problem has been finding the right combination of guards. Shaker's "big men", Keller, Lowry, and Bob Thompson, have started consistently. However, Coach Fred Heinlen has juggled the starting guards almost every game in an effort to get a winning combination.

Terry Curtain, Terry Hannah, Wade Manning, and Tony Brantley have all started at guard. Ed Raymond, Walt Tresville, and Jimmy Brown have also seen action at the guard position.

In the Euclid game, Ted Bledsoe snared several rebounds and scored a couple of quick baskets in a brief appearance. Bledsoe started against Normandy and may see more action because of his performance against Euclid.

The Raiders will have their work cut out for them to climb out of the cellar, and it will take a miraculous effort to better last year's 2-16 record.

The junior varsity finished their half of the season with a 2-7 mark. Their victories were over Brush and Parma.

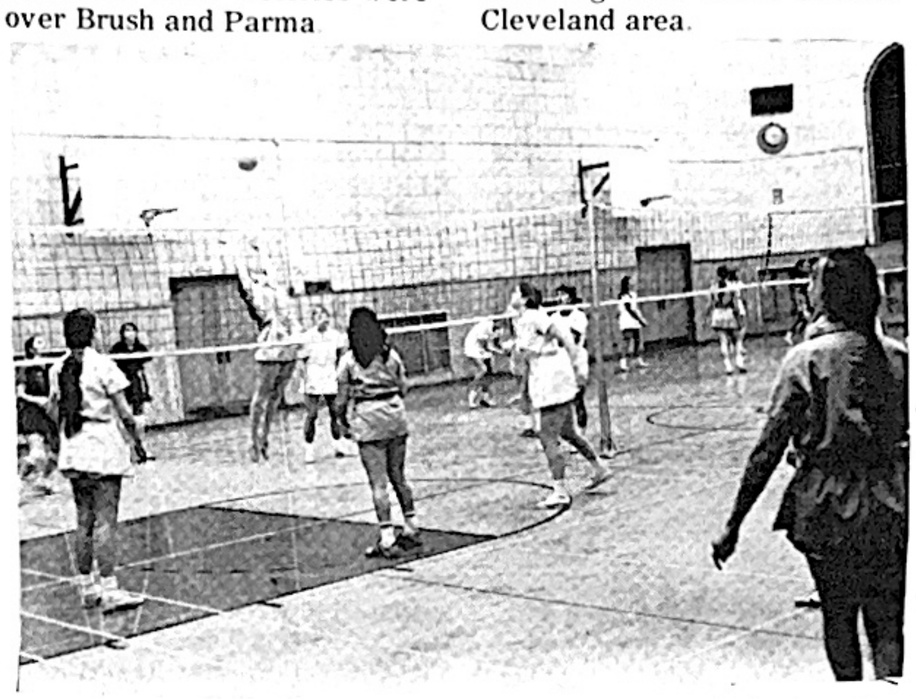
Grapplers Struggling For First Victory

This year the wrestling team has not lived up to Coach Ed Zednik's expectations. The team has grappled with Solon, Twinsburg, Bedford, Shaw, Garfield, Euclid, and St. Joseph. It lost each meet by lopsided scores.

If the Shaker wrestlers are to win a match in the remainder of the season, they will have to do so against Lakewood, Valley Forge, Cleveland Heights, Parma, or Normandy. Valley Forge will face Shaker January 28 with what is probably the best wrestling team in the Greater Cleveland area.

Senior Bob Paley, 132, is the only Shaker wrestler who has earned points consistently in recent weeks. His record stands at 2-2-3, but he is 2-0-1 in Lake Erie League competition. Bob's 4-4 draw saved Shaker from a shutout against Garfield.

The rest of the wrestling team is comprised mostly of juniors. In particular, Dave Kaufman, 98, and James Dotson, show some promise for the future.



Girls participate in volleyball intramurals.

Girls Finish Volleyball; Basketball Season to Begin

Edie Wirtshafter's sophomore volleyball team, Jody Wolf's junior team, and Lynn Rosenblum's senior team are the winners of girls' intramural volleyball this year. The players on these teams and the champions of interclass volleyball will exhibit their skills in a match against the girls' gym teachers on February 1.

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Girls' varsity basketball will begin on January 31. The team will battle against Cleveland Heights, Euclid, Madison, Kirtland, Parma, Orange, and Rocky River High Schools. Girls' intramural basketball will begin play during the second week of February.

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The Cleveland City Volleyball Tournament will be held on January 22 at Cleveland Heights High School. The starting lineup for Shaker will be Lynn Rosenblum, Cathy Knight, Patty Shehan, Dee Dee Arrington, Sue Schwartz, and Lizzie Inglis. Girls' gym teacher Miss Dorothy Hill, commenting on Shaker's chances for victory, remarked, "WE SHOULD WIN!"

Intramural Play Resumes

by Marty Young

The Boys Intramural Basketball League commenced play on Saturday, January 8 with 18 teams participating.

The league is composed of two five-team divisions and two four-team divisions. Each team plays a six-game schedule with the first game being an exhibition. The six game schedule will be a warm-up for the playoffs which all teams will enter, no matter what records they have compiled in the regular season. The playoffs will be a single elimination tournament that will be played on two successive Saturdays. On the second Saturday of the playoffs, an all-star tournament will be played. An all-star team from each division will be picked and the same method used for the playoffs will be employed to determine the best all-star team.

The top rated team this year is the Gunners, who won the championship last year. The Gunners are led by Irv Washington and Jeff Weiss. Other leading teams are Darrell Austin's Ballers and Jim Easterling's Easterling's Easter Bunnies.

The league commissioners are Stu Leff and Jack Bialosky. The refs are Randy Ginn, Jessie Roberson, and the two league commissioners.

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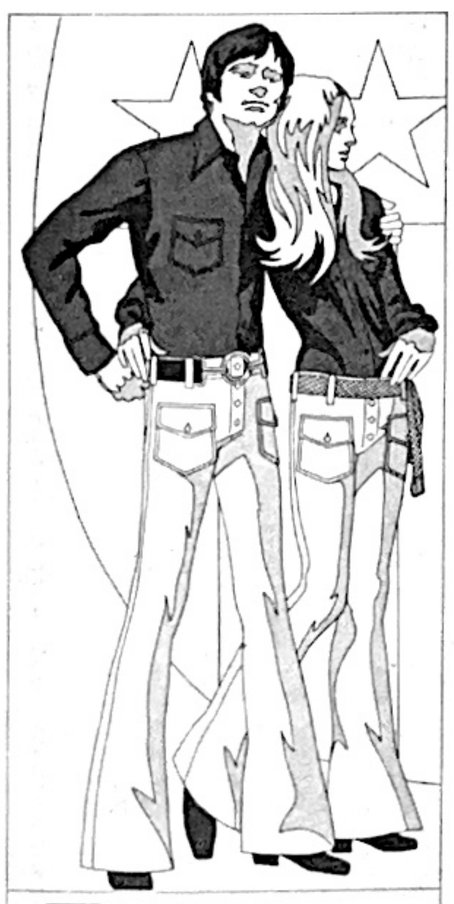

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Jon Lampe pins Euclid opponent against the boards.

Icers Win Sixth Game in Row

by Mark Teitelbaum

With their two latest triumphs over Lakewood and Euclid, the Shaker Icers have six straight league victories. Earlier in the season the Raiders defeated Cleveland Heights, St. Joseph, and Rocky River. During the vacation period Shaker lost the Thornton Park Invitational Tournament, and a game against Kent was rescheduled.

Against Cleveland Heights December 4, the Tigers scored early in the first period, but in the last minute of the period Tom Matia tied the game when the Heights goalie, screened by his own defenseman, missed the Shaker shot. Two goals in the second period gave Matia a hat trick. Midway through the third period Shaker scored again as Matia brought the puck around the goal and pushed it in the net. Heights scored once again near the end of the game for a final score of 4-2.

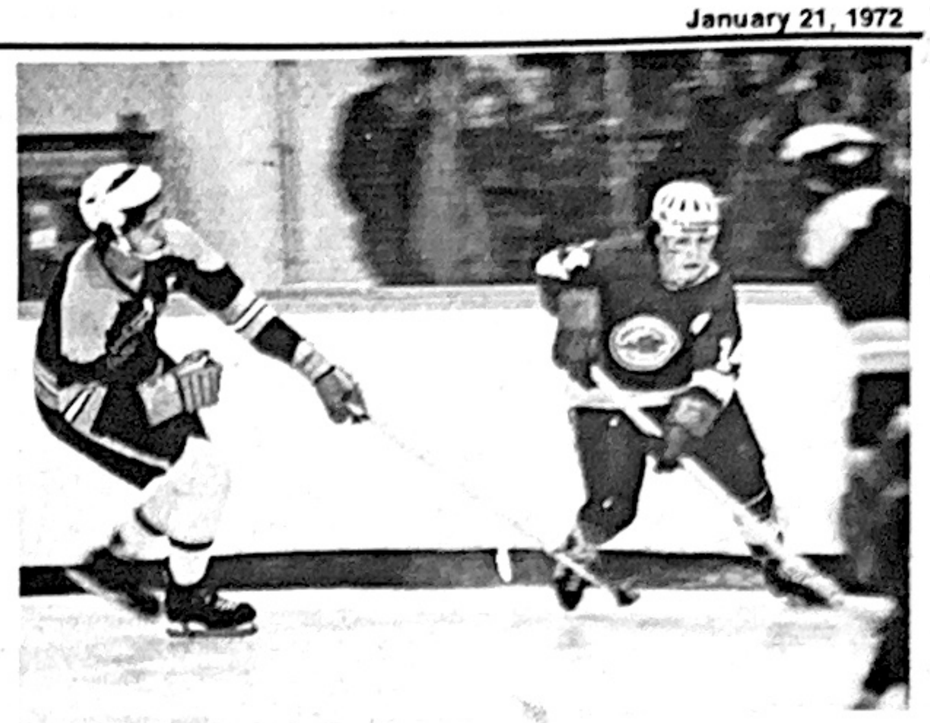
Shaker next demolished St. Joseph, 17-0. Less than a minute into the game C. J. Kilroy scored Shaker's first goal. Kilroy scored again, as did Gar Corkran once and Gary Curtis twice, and the first period ended 5-0. Dave Straffon scored the next three Raider goals in the first half of the second period. The high point of the game came at 9:40 of the second period when a fight broke out in front of the St. Joseph goal. It ended with three Shaker players expelled for the remainder of the game and the Rocky River match the next weekend. Seconds after the game resumed Kilroy scored the final goal of the period. Corkcan scored half of the eight third-period goals. Kilroy, Straffon, Bruce Kohrman, and Bill Kiser racked up one apiece.

Against Rocky River the Icers racked up 13 points as goalies Mike Feigenbaum and Jeff Greenham had their second straight shut out. Straffon led the scorerers with four goals and four assists followed by Corkran with three goals and Kilroy with two. Mark Drollinger, Dave Evans, Jon Lampe and Delbert Thomas each scored their first goals of the season.

In the initial round of the Thornton tournament Shaker defeated Heights, 4-2, only to lose to Padua the next day, 5-3. Padua went on to take the championship, defeating Garfield 6-5.

Shaker next downed Lakewood 15-2 January 7 at the Cleveland Arena. Scoring five goals each period, the Raiders were paced by Straffon with three goals for his third straight hat trick. Al Hall, Kilroy, Kiser and Matia scored two goals each while Curtis, Stu Mapes, Pete Jackson and D. J. Schultz each scored one.

The next day Shaker trounced Euclid 7-3. Straffon's goal in the first period was matched by Euclid early in the second period. A string of goals by Curtis, Kilroy and Straffon put Shaker back in the lead before Euclid scored their last two goals. Straffon scored once more for another hat trick. Curtis and Corkran scored Shaker's last two goals.



Dave Straffon goes after the puck against Euclid.

Tankers Win Three Meets; Brown Sets School Records

by Stuart Weil

Shaker's swimmers evened their record at 3-3 when they defeated Brush January 7. The 54-41 score belies the closely contested meet. Sophomore Eric Minshall in the 200-yard freestyle, Dan Rose in the 400-yard free style, and the medley relay team narrowly defeated their opponents. The Raiders garnered the winning points when sophomore Dick Brown and David Newman grabbed first and second places in the 100-yard backstroke.

The season opened on December 1, when the tankers bested Hawken 51-44. Brown trounced Tom Goodfellow in the 200 yard free style while establishing a new school record of 1:53.5. Hawken's Tim Hable dealt co-captain Jim Kuhn his only defeat of the season, winning the 100-yard free in 50.5 seconds, the best time in the area. Hable also handed Brown his only loss while establishing a Shaker pool record of 3:58.8 for the 400-yard freestyle.

In the second meet, Shaker squashed St. Edward 64-31. Brown snatched two more school records, the 160-yard individual medley and the 400-yard freestyle.

The Raiders suffered their first loss on December 10, when Heights squeezed out a 48-47 victory. Junior Neal Arsham won both the individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke. Co-captain Tad Mock scored a come-from-behind victory in the 100-yard butterfly. The meet wasn't decided until the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Shaker was winning 47-41 before the seven-point relay, which Heights won by two-tenths of a second. The rematch is at Shaker tomorrow night.

The following Friday afternoon Shaker hosted Lakewood, the LEL leader. The Raiders suffered their second loss. Lakewood's Kevin Scanlon smashed Hable's pool record in the 400-yard free, registering the leading time in the area, 3:55.0.

In the last meet before vacation, University School defeated Shaker 49-46. Brown manhandled Dan Littman in the individual medley and Rick Phillips received the same treatment in the 400-free. Kuhn defeated Chuck Lathe in both the 60 and 100 yard freestyles.

The junior varsity swimmers post a 4-2 record.

Sidlo Wins SS Contest

Sophomore Blake Sidlo won the last SHAKERITE SPORTS contest. He picked correctly nine out of the ten Lake Erie League basketball contests December 17 and 18. For winning the contest, Blake wins two tickets to a Shaker basketball game. This was the second time Blake won the contest. The only game Blake picked incorrectly was Euclid's victory over previously undefeated Brush.

Jr. Highs To Start Inter-School Sports

by Ira Shapiro

Byron and Woodbury, Shaker's two junior high schools, are making a trial effort to have inter-school athletic matches. Byron and Woodbury for many years have played only each other in sports. This fact can be used as an excuse for poor athletic teams at the high school.

For the first time Byron is playing schools other than Woodbury. Basketball scrimmages and games have been scheduled with Beachwood, Hawken, U.S., and Wiley. Swimming meets are also being scheduled for this year. Next fall Byron will schedule football scrimmages with other junior high teams.

The main problem with the inter-scholastic sports would be the interference with the intramural program. Byron and Woodbury have always had sports open to all boys who wanted to play, but the inter-scholastic play would provide only for one team, and less boys would be able to participate.

This idea of playing other schools regularly is now just in the trial stage. In time Byron and Woodbury will decide whether or not to schedule an inter-scholastic season with schools outside of Shaker.

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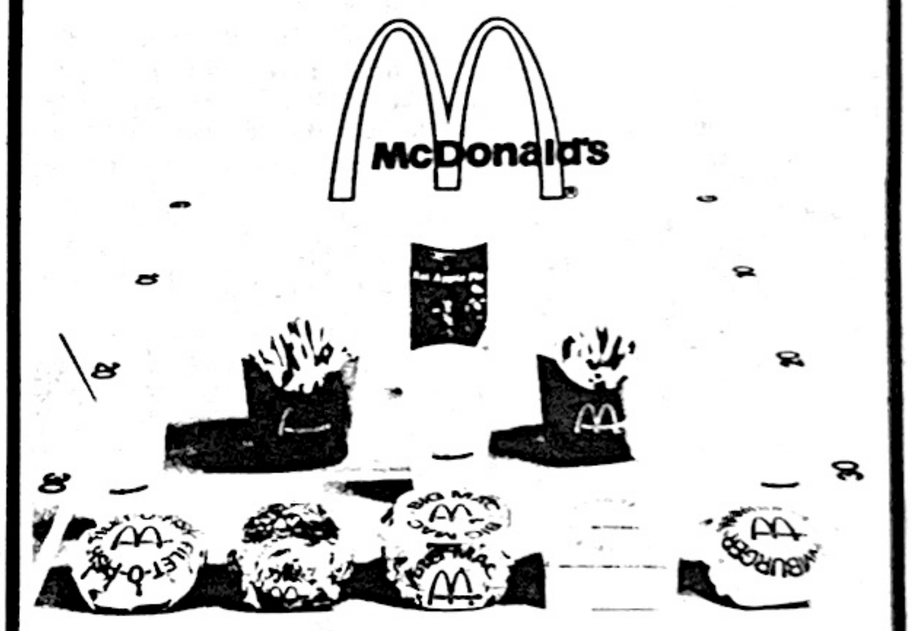

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